

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
RE: RESCINDING DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER  
DISPOSITION PARCEL F-3 IN THE  
WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA  
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-24

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority", has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance to the hereinafter identified project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area", has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, state and Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the need for adequate low-moderate income housing in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, The Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury was Tentatively Designated Redeveloper of Parcel F-3 on May 13, 1971 for the purpose of constructing low-moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, The Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury has been unable to prepare a feasible plan for the redevelopment of Parcel F-3;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the Tentative Designation of The Eliot Congregational Church in Roxbury voted by the Authority on May 13, 1971 is hereby rescinded.
2. That the Director be authorized to seek a new Redeveloper for Parcel F-3.
3. That disposal of said parcel by negotiation is the appropriate method of making this land available for redevelopment.
4. That the Secretary be and hereby is authorized to advertise the availability of Parcel F-3 in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area for redevelopment in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan, such advertisement to be in the Authority's usual form.

MEMORANDUM

FEBRUARY 24, 1972

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA NO. MASS. R-24  
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On May 13, 1971 the Authority Tentatively Designated The Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury as the Redeveloper of Parcel F-3, consisting of approximately 2½ acres of land located at the corner of Washington Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard. The site is wholly owned by the Authority and has been cleared for several years. It was hoped that The Eliot Congregational Church would proceed promptly with plans for its redevelopment as low-moderate income housing.

In the nine months since Tentative Designation, no progress has been made in preparing a feasible plan for redevelopment of this parcel. The Eliot Congregational Church has changed its development consultant, its attorney and its contractor, and for the past several months has been attempting to discharge the architect with whom it had signed a contract for services.

In short, the development team which prepared the Church's original proposal no longer exists and the preliminary plans which were submitted to the Board with the request for Tentative Designation, have been abandoned.

I therefore recommend that the Tentative Designation of The Eliot Congregation Church of Roxbury as Redeveloper of Parcel F-3 in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area be rescinded, and that the Secretary be authorized to advertise the availability of this parcel for the development of low-moderate income housing.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachment